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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

BOUGUELERET ET AL.

APPLICATION NO:

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CARDIOVASCULAR DISORDERS**MS: Missing Parts**

Commissioner for Patents

PO Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

Sir:

The Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed June 12, 2006 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on August 12, 2006.

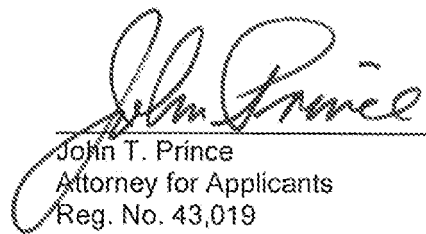
A four-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a). Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$1590 for payment of the extension fee.

In response, applicants now submit a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence submission, including a computer readable copy, a paper copy and a Statement Verifying Identity of Above Copies.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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